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FORMER ASTRONAUT COOPER HAS CHASED UFOs IN JETS

Former astronaut Gordon Cooper said he believes in UFOs because he has chased them in jets. He said he saw several hundred UFOs in Europe when he was a test pilot. Cooper was stationed at Neubiberg Air Base in West Germany in the early '50s.

"I know several very qualified people who have had some very real encounters. That includes NASA astronomers, as well as personal acquaintances of mine. Some have had contact with the creatures — been in touch with them. They'd come closer than I have. A scientific program analyzing who, what and where they are is good."

90% OF UFO SIGHTINGS CAN BE DISCOUNTED

Dr. Willy Smith, Lycoming College assistant physics professor, says about 90% of the UFO claims he's researched can be accounted for, but "it's the other 10% that scare me."

Smith did not indicate how many of the 897 alleged personal contacts were legitimate, but specifically backed claims made by two South Americans, who said they were transported briefly in an alien spacecraft, a claim Smith supports.

Other UFO investigators join Smith's claim about the 90% being discounted.

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An Opinionated Statement.

The most recent news on the UFO front is, NASA will not consent to investigate UFO reports UNLESS some enterprising citizen produces physical evidence of the "little rascal's existence" such as trotting in a little green man (LGM) on a leash.

That is an outrage. If someone had LGM we wouldn't need NASA's assistance in the matter, right?

And if there are LGM, we would have trouble nabbing one. The problem is, they might look just like us, and if you took one bound into a NASA office, he would not only convince officials you had gone irrevocably bonkers, he could also sue you for your last Space Ghost comic book. LGM have rights too.

This truth was blasted at one writer with lesser brilliance not long ago, as he was reading about a 1972 scientific conference on the possibility of detecting extraterrestrial life, including critters that might learn our language from radio and TV interceptions, take human disguise and then infiltrate our institutions until they could reach positions of authority that would permit worldwide conquest.

How, one scientist wanted to know, could we possibly detect such intergalatic spies in our midst? "Look for sanity in government" came a voice from the audience. Of course, the concept is so logical it must have come from a sympathetic LGM. If we accept the premise that normal human conduct is less than rational and normal activity is irrationality amplified to the point of insanity — and no flaw seems to be in the premise — then it stands to whatever piddling reason we possess that any sanity in government must be of non-human parentage.

If NASA wants proof of extraterrestrial beings and is willing to earn its keep, it could investigate some of the actions of government leaders that appear suspiciously logical and sane — foot in mouth? Self defense is not an issue here, since LGM's are obviously so intelligent and rational their rule could not possibly be worse than that of human politicians.

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